

Board unless he would become subservient to the humour of that Family? These Considerations determined me to appoint Mr Ridout in Col<sup>o</sup> Tasker's Stead as soon as the Colo<sup>s</sup> Friends had performed his funeral Obsequies being at that time in hopes that as My Lord had before given me Leave to introduce Mr Ridout to the Council His Ldp & you would also confirm my Appointment. Soon after this Transaction I was obliged as you may remember to go over the Bay to meet the Pennsylvania Commissioners & it being agreed by us at Newcastle that we would go thence down to make the Surveyors begin to run from the Middle Point of the Line that was run from Fenwix's Island in 1751 I did not return home till late in Dec<sup>r</sup> Within a few Days afterwards All the Gentlemen in Town except Mr D Dulany (who had returned from the Northward a few Days before I went over the Bay) his Brother Walter who had desired to be Secretary, & Mr Wolstenholme who is as it were at their Devotion, paid me a Visit as had been usual with them on similar Occasions to bid me welcome back to Annapolis, & tho I gave Mr Dulany several Invitations to my House during the Winter when other Gentlemen of the Town were to dine or spend an Evening with me & desired him by Mr Ross to attend at three or four Councils which I was obliged to hold on receiving Intelligence of the late King's Death & on other Occasions yet he always declined coming, & when the Annapolis Company of Militia commanded by D<sup>r</sup> Steuart was ordered to appear under Arms on the Day when His present Majesty's Accession was proclaimed in this City Mr Walter Dulany having been many years a Lieut<sup>t</sup> in it was pleased to resign his Commission, Such Marks of Disrespect as I have mentioned to a Governor from a Gentleman who held one of the first offices in the Government were not you may be assured long unnoticed, nay the Gentleman himself took Care that it should be no Secret, in order as it now seems to me that if he succeeded in the Application which he had then without my knowledge made to you his Friends & Dependants may be the better able to persuade others that he had carried his Point in opposition to me & that consequently his Interest with His Ldp & Yourself is superiour to mine, I cannot I say help thinking that this was his View in behaving after such a manner, & it would I presume be needless to tell you what Conclusions have been drawn from my receiving peremptory Instructions (as it hath been most industriously reported throughout the Province) to appoint Mr Dulany your Deputy; It is also said that he hopes to effect still something more before he returns again from England where I suppose you will see him before the End of the Summer, as he has signified to me that he intends to embark some time next

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